

ABSTRACT

An optical disk apparatus which varies a rotational speed of an optical disk through use of a sound volume controller. A
5 controller of the optical disk apparatus causes a sound volume controller to act as a rotational speed controller upon receipt of a READ command from a host apparatus. The controller detects a set position of the sound volume controller on the basis of a signal output from the same and controls a spindle motor in accordance
10 with a detected position, thereby changing a rotational speed of said optical disk. When wind sound or the like, of the optical disk is obtrusive for the user, the user can diminish noise by means of decreasing the rotational speed through actuation of the sound volume controller.